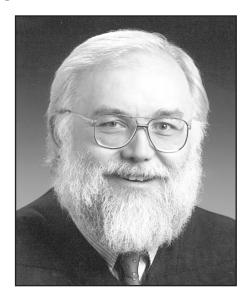
# **District Court Judge**

## Raymond M. Funk, Fourth Judicial District



DATE OF BIRTH: April 29, 1952

PLACE OF BIRTH: Chicago, Illinois

NAME OF SPOUSE: Kate Pendleton

CHILDREN: Owen, Emma

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 25 years

Fairbanks 1979-present

#### **EDUCATION:**

Libertyville High School, (Libertyville, III.) 1970; University of Notre Dame (South Bend, Ind.) B.A. 1974; Post Graduate: University of Chicago (Chicago, III,) M. A. 1975; University of California (Berkeley, Ca.) J.D. 1979.

#### POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

District Court Judge, 1998-present; Assistant Attorney General, 1989-1998; Probate Master, 1988-1989; Assistant Public Defender, 1981-1988; Law Clerk to Justice Rabinowitz, 1979-1980.

#### **BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

President, Alaska Conference of Judges; Training Judge, Fourth Judicial District; member of Bar's Law Related Education committee; member of the Criminal Jury Instruction Committee; former member of Children's Rules and Probate Rules committees, former Chairman of the Alaska Bar Association Continuing Legal Education committee.

#### SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Music research, weekly radio show, family activities

#### **STATEMENT:**

It has been my honor to have served as a District Court Judge for the past six years. It is always challenging, often rewarding and rarely easy. I strive to treat everyone fairly, with dignity and respect. On many occasions, I am also appointed as a superior court judge for specific criminal or civil cases.

In criminal cases, a judge has to balance the interest of protecting society and the rights of victims against the defendant's rights. Every day, I try to strike the right balance. If a defendant is convicted, I try to sentence justly, according to the seriousness of the crime and the defendant's prior record.

I am very concerned about the effect on our community of alcohol related offenses and currently I am working to establish an alcohol treatment court to better address this issue. One of the most rewarding parts of my duties is to conduct many settlement conferences to resolve civil disputes before they go to trial.

For the past 25 years, I have enjoyed being an active member of the Fairbanks community and value it as a great home for my family. I will continue to work hard to serve the citizens of our community in a fair and just manner.

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## Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

### Judge Raymond Funk, District Court, Fairbanks

- I. Judicial Council Evaluation. The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska Constitution, finds Judge Funk to be *Qualified* and recommends unanimously that the public vote "YES" to retain him as a district court judge.
- **II.** Summary of Evaluation Information. A survey of 2,927 attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Funk on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Funk 4.2 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored 4.1 or better in all sixteen categories.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey
Legal	4.2			
Impartiality	4.2	4.1	4.7	4.6
Integrity	4.3	4.1		4.6
Temperament	4.2	4.1	4.8	4.3
Diligence	4.2	4.1		4.6
Special Skills	4.1	4.2		
Overall	4.2	4.1	4.7	4.5

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is "acceptable."

Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent

4.0 = Good

3.0 = Acceptable

2.0 = Deficient

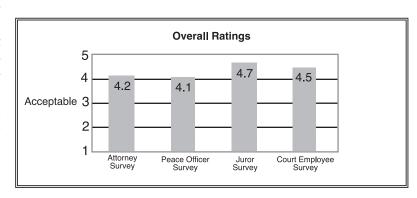
1.0 = Poor

A survey of 1,495 peace and probation officers in Alaska rated Judge Funk on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Funk 4.1 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored 4.0 or better in all twelve categories.

A survey of jurors appearing before Judge Funk in 2002 and 2003 rated him 4.7 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated him 4.5 on a scale of 5 on overall performance.

The Council also completed a background investigation including a court records check, a disciplinary records check, a review of conflict of interest statements submitted to the court system and a review of financial disclosure statements submitted to the Alaska Public Offices

Commission. Attorneys, peace officers, court employees and jurors were asked to submit written comments about the judge. The Council actively encouraged the public to comment, both in writing and in a statewide public hearing teleconference.



Recommendation: Vote "YES" to retain Judge Raymond Funk

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